



**Mid Alabama
Corvette Club**



MACC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Cathy Crapet

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Terry Mathews

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Chris Touchton

Happy New Year and welcome to 2007! Winter is the time of year for a little downtime in the Corvette community along with those New Year's resolutions. Every year I've given a thought to changing my ways, mainly my resolutions were to enact no resolutions whatsoever. But last year I decided to join the ranks of the play-by-the-rules group and look what happened, bang MACC president! But just so you will know, I write, speak & think with no real presidential knowledge and if I'm very, very lucky, I will need little knowledge this time around.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As for that downtime, one thing is for sure, MACC never hibernates. January will start off with board & committee meetings. Again this year our club monthly meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Next meeting will be January 21st at the Neighborhood Grill in Trussville.

This year will be our club's 25th Anniversary Corvette Show on May 5th at Costco in Hoover. Ronnie Jones is our Show Chair for this special event. Please mark your calendar. We need your participation to ensure its success.

It's going to be another busy year. At our upcoming meeting we'll hear about our club's display to be debuted at the World of Wheels, the annual Valentine's Dinner and other upcoming events.

Don't leap into 2007 without checking our web-site, www.midalcorvette.com. This should be your window to all MACC activities. Paul Boehme and his web committee are doing an outstanding job.

For 2007, I hope you can all participate in as many MACC events as possible, drive your Corvette daily and have as much fun as Suzan and I do being members of this club.

Finally, as my tenure as El Presidente' starts, I'd like to thank each of last year's officers & committee people for their hard work and leadership.

So put on your jacket, dust off the Corvette and come experience southern hospitality at its best.

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT & SHOW CHAIR

by Ronnie Jones

Mark you calendars, set aside the date and round up auction items for:

MACC's 25th Annual Corvette Show

May 5, 2007 9 to 3 Rain or Shine

Costco's behind Riverchase Galleria

Plans are coming together for MACC's Silver Anniversary (25th) Car Show. Because this is our 25th show, we have decided to showcase Corvette's 25th Anniversary Cars (1978's) at the show. All Corvettes' are welcome but the 1978's will be in a special class and showcased aside from the others.

Help us pass the word about the show to all Corvetter's and encourage them to enter their cars in the show. If you know of someone who has a 25th anniversary Vette, please explain the correlation between our 25th show and the Corvette Silver Anniversary Cars. We want to have many of these, as well as all others, on display. Let's fill the parking lot with these beautiful cars.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we do not have the registrations from last year. If you know of a club or a person who attended last year or who might be interested in showing a car or cars this year, please let me or Sara know so we can get them on our mailing list.

Committees for the show will be formed soon. If you have a particular job you prefer doing, please let me know. Remember those who do not volunteer will be assigned....

I am looking forward to an exciting time and a full filled day!

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY

by Jane Lewis

I'd like to thank everyone for selecting me as your MACC Secretary, a woman who can't actually write anything. That would be me. So I think it'll be better for us all if I limit my writing this year to meeting minutes and such. Otherwise, I'll be forced to hire a high-priced ghost writer and, inevitably, a publicist. So here's looking forward to a year of some serious note-taking!

Minutes from the monthly meetings will not be published in the club newsletter, but will be available in the "Members Only" section on the MACC web site.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

by Sara Boehme

I hope you are having a great holiday season. I want to remind all of you that it is time to pay membership dues for 2007. They are the same as last year: \$50 if you are married and \$25 if you are single. Checks should be made out to MACC. You can mail them to me at 208 East Linwood Drive, Homewood, AL 35209, or if you are coming to the January meeting, you can bring them then. They are due by the end of January. If you have already paid, thank you. If you are a new member who joined after October, 2006, then you are paid for 2007. If you have any questions, just let me know.

NEWS FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

by Hoke graham

2006 has come and gone and it was a great year for our club, so much fun and good times we had!

Being an officer of a club is sometimes demanding but it can also be very rewarding. We have a great slate of officers for 2007 and I know they will do a fantastic job for our club. Please give them your support.

We are excited about the upcoming World of Wheels and our display is working out with very little expense involved.

Be sure and come to our January 21st meeting at the Sports Grill in Trussville and pick up your MACC decals and club cards at no charge.

WELCOME TO NEW MACC MEMBERS

by Sharon Mathews

Hello MACC Members, and welcome to another year of road trips, car shows, picnics and parties enjoying our cars and the family of friends we each have found in our Mid-Alabama Corvette Club. I am pleased to once again be chosen as your Membership Chairperson and I want each of you to know that I am always available if you have a concern of any kind that I can help you with.

I also want to make a point of putting family news in our newsletter and in e-mail announcements. If you have any news to share - a new addition to your family, a sad event, or just

something of which you are proud and would like to share, please call or e-mail me. Whether you are laughing or crying, we will be there to hug, support and uplift you. Babs and Billy Lucas and Jim and Cindy Maddox will be checking on those of you we don't see often, as well as our new members, making personal calls and invitations to get you to join us for an outing.

Like I said earlier, we are a family of friends as well as Corvette enthusiasts. I am a strong believer that the strength and success of any organization lies in its members. I have confidence in each of us, and in our love of good friends and good times as we eagerly await another successful and exciting year. Please try to be involved and participate in some of the events planned. I hope you will come to meetings as often as you can. It is my hope that you find a friendly face, have a good time, and want to come again and again.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY JOINED OUR CORVETTE FAMILY

Joe Amos

Birmingham, Alabama
2007 Yellow Coupe

joseph.amos@lmberry.com

Jim & Kim Coleman

Hayden, Alabama
2007 White Convertible

kdnurses@yahoo.com

Jack & Connie Kempf

Vestavia Hills, Alabama
1994 White Coupe

jkempf@colonialprop.com
conniekempf@bellsouth.net

Chris & Maggie Gilliland

Leeds, Alabama
1995 Metallic Purple Coupe
1996 Black Convertible
1989 White Convertible
1989 White Convertible
1994 White Coupe
1995 White ZR1 #278

corvette95@charter.net

Michael Walsh

McCalla, Alabama
1976 Maroon Coupe

mikey16@yahoo.com

Member Photos on Website

We continue to add pictures of our members and their cars to our website, but are still missing many of you. Please take a look at our website. If you don't find your picture there, e-mail a picture of yourself, and a separate one of your car, to Paul. If you don't have a photo readily available and would like one taken, please ask Paul, Chris, or me to take your pictures at a meeting or event. We would like to see everyone posted on our site.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your name should be on this month's list and is not, please e-mail me your dates so we can congratulate you too. In the absence of the Dec. Newsletter, we also have the following belated birthdays and anniversaries.

Happy Birthday's December

Cindi Maddox	Dec. 2
Carol Yarbro	Dec. 6
Chris Gilliland	Dec. 20
Evie Williams	Dec. 22
Chris Radue	Dec. 22
Wayne Allen	Dec. 25
Jerry Strong	Dec. 25
Linda Kimbrough	Dec. 26

Happy Birthday's January

Marty Wolfe	Jan. 9
Billy Porter	Jan. 17
Jane Lewis	Jan. 21
Jim "Jocko" Lewis	Jan. 21
Charlotte Graham	Jan. 26

Congratulations Anniversaries Dec.

Ronnie and Sheryl Folds Dec. 11
Chris and Maggie Gilliland Dec. 15
Hoke and Charlotte Graham Dec. 26

Congratulations Anniversaries Jan.

Jack and Connie Kemp Jan. 12
Jocko and Jane Lewis Jan. 17

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

by Cathy Crapet

Attend the January monthly MACC meeting to hear all of the details about the MACC annual Valentine's dinner party.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

by Fred Atkins

On September 2, 2007, representatives from the architectural firm of Sherman, Carter Barnhart were on hand at the national Corvette museum to represent a three-dimensional video tour of the 50,200 square -foot addition that would include the long-awaited library and archives, additional display areas, a conference center a Corvette clubroom, expanded store and delivery facilities as well as a proposed dining area dubbed as the Corvette Cafe. The NCM has received its largest donation to date, a \$1.3 million deferred gift arrangement consisting of a family trust, a life insurance policy and six Corvettes from Ivan and Mary Schrod.

January 6th marks the 10th anniversary of a major milestone for both Corvette and the Corvette Museum. At a time when the Museum was in default on its loan covenants, and was facing potential foreclosure, Chevrolet introduced the new C5 Corvette on January 6th, 1997 and the Museum was selected to be a satellite location for the special viewing. Over 200 Corvette enthusiasts came to be a part of the unveiling event, and each paid a \$25 admission fee, purchased merchandise in the Corvette Store, bid on auction items donated to the Museum, and enjoyed the day touring the Museum. This event provided not only some much needed revenue for the Museum, but truly marked a turning point for NCM because of the enthusiasm and new found excitement for the Museum.

Atomic Orange Raffle Underway: only 500 Tickets to be sold. On March 15th, NCM will be drawing a winner for a 2007 Atomic Orange Corvette Coupe limited to only 500 tickets to be sold at \$250 each. This Corvette comes complete with the 3LT package and features cashmere interior, polished aluminum wheels and automatic transmission.



The raffle winner will also enjoy the benefits and excitement of taking delivery of their new Corvette at the Museum as part of the "R8C Museum Delivery" experience, a VIP tour of the Museum and Corvette Assembly Plant, a one-year individual membership to the Museum, special hands-on training/instruction by a NCM delivery team member, a program decal for your new Corvette and a wall plaque. These are all part of the Museum Delivery experience that is available exclusively through the Museum. Find out more and purchase your tickets online at:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml> or call the NCM at: (800) 53-VETTE.

MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS

Fred Atkins	Chris Gilliland	Hoke Graham
Ronnie & Kathie Jones	Chuck Lewis	Jane & Jocko Lewis
Terry & Sharon Mathews	Billy & Debbie Porter	Bill Ringler
Bob Stewart	Chris Touchton	Jeff & Evelyn Williams
Jim & Sherrye Willis	Paul & Sara Boehme	



NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY NEWS

by Chuck Lewis

The NCRS Florida chapter will host a Regional meet this month on January 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st in Kissimmee (Orlando) Florida. This meet will attract most of the top judges from across the country. Corvettes and sunshine in the middle of January, need I say more!!! I took my '69 to this meet last year and had a great time, the weather "wow", golf shirt and shorts all three days.

If you have a car that needs to be judged, call me at (205) 542-6036 and I'll walk you through the process, but you must understand that the NCRS judges will pick your perfect car apart - its their job!! If you receive a Top Flight award from a Regional meet, it means something. The NCRS judges may be the toughest in the world when it comes to judging Corvettes. I have handouts for registering a car and a schedule of events, if you want additional information about NCRS you can go to their web site: www.ncrs.org.

MACC EVENTS

by Terry Mathews & Susan Touchton

As Chris mentioned we have a busy year ahead of us. To kick off the new year, we will be going to lunch at Top of the River in Gadsden on Saturday January 13th. We will take the scenic route up and enjoy some great seafood. (Girls, if we play our cards right we might get to squeeze in a little shopping therapy! February will be Valentine's and time for our annual dinner. More details in the near future.

This year we plan to visit some of our old favorite shows we have done in years past. Terry and I will review upcoming events at the meeting.

Laissez Les Bon temps rouler!



NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF WHEELS CHAIR

by Terry Mathews

Once again the Mid Alabama Corvette Club will participate in the World Of Wheels Custom Auto Show (WOW) on February 9th, 10th and 11th at the BJCC. This year our display will be different.....It won't just be cars, we will be proudly presenting....

THE HISTORY OF CORVETTES

Over 50 Years of America's Sports Car

Presented By The
MID-ALABAMA CORVETTE CLUB

We will have a Vette from each generation – C1 thru C6. With each car will be a brief history of what makes that generation special. Not only will the public see a Vette from each generation inside a unitized display, they will be educated on why the Corvette is proclaimed “America’s Sports Car”. This display is all about Corvettes and not individual cars. It has been designed for the enjoyment of the novice as well as the educated enthusiast.

Thanks to all who have helped thus far and a special invitation is extended to every MACC member to help us man the display, as there will be literally thousands of people wanting to talk to someone about this fabulous car that we love. If you can help MACC “Share the Love” at WOW, don’t be shy.....please let us know! This is a great annual event for our club because our Club’s mission is to promote Corvettes, and we always find new members at WOW.

WEB SITE UPDATE

by Paul Boehme

Thom Williamson and Terry Truett have graciously agreed to help with the web site this year. If you have any questions or recommendations at any time don’t hesitate to contact one of them. We are planning on moving forward with many new things including a new home page. The last 6 months have been mainly catch up.

Our number of “visits” is approximately 2,000 per month with nearly 36,000 “hits” also. “Visits” are people that go to the site looking specifically for Mid Al Corvette Club and “hits” are people who go to the site but are looking for something contained in the site such as a 1980 black Corvette. Very impressive numbers!

Finally, thanks for everyone’s help in keeping our e-mail running smoothly and thanks again to Jane Mantooth for furnishing this for us. We do not need to necessarily limit the number of e-mails sent each day only the size of the individual e-mail. E-mails that contain only text will never be a problem. The problem comes from attaching photographs that have not been resized (smaller). Everyone likes to send and receive pictures. The best way to accomplish this is after each trip please send a couple of your favorite pictures to one of us **ONLY** and not to “macc-all” and we will resize them and put them on the web site.

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January:

13th Cruise to the Top of the River in Gadsden
21st **Monthly MACC meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville, 2:00 PM**

February:

- 9th World of Wheels (contact Terry Mathews)
18th **Monthly MACC meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville, 2:00PM**
TBA MACC Valentine's Day dinner party (contact Cathy Crapet)

March:

- 18th **Monthly MACC meeting**

April:

- 15th **Monthly MACC meeting**
26th C5 & C6 Bash, National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green (contact Fred Atkins)

May:

- 5th **MACC Annual Car Show at Costco in Hoover (contact Ronnie Jones) & monthly meeting**
17th Dothan to Panama City Corvette Caravan sponsored by the Circle City Corvette Club
24th Corvette Forum Cruise-In at the National Corvette Museum

**Next MACC Monthly meeting
Neighborhood Sports Grill - Trussville
January 21st
Lunch 1:00
Meeting 2:00 PM**



"NEVR L8" IS CAUGHT BY A FRIENDLY PATROL CAR ON THE DRIVE TO CALLAWAY GARDENS

